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QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Address of His. Em. Card. de Faulhaber to University of Munich Sodalists

On the 15th of August 1534, Ignatius, then a University student, together with six companions, among whom were St. Francis Xavier Blessed Peter Faber and Simon Rodriguez were gathered about the altar in the chapel of St. Dionisius, Montmartre, Paris, to assist at the Holy Sacrifice and to receive Holy Communion. Peter Faber celebrated the Mass and distributed the Body of Our Lord to the others. Before communicating, all pronounced a solemn vow to continue their studies in poverty and chastity, and, after their completion, of setting out for missionary work in Palestine, or, that failing, of offering themselves to the Holy Father for some similar purpose· These seven men differed in language, country, and natural abilities, and each represented a distinct type of character, still they were all of one mind and one heart; all seven of them were men of more than ordinary greatness of soul, and they sought but one thing — to do something exceptional for their Savior. All seven were aflame with that spirit which the name Ignatius suggests: « Iam come to cast fire on the earth » (Luke 12, 49). Today, almost four hundred years later, here in the Episcopal chapel, a group of students of the arts and sciences are gathered about the altar of the Lord to recite, before communicating, the formula of consecration of the Sodality recently erected for the youth of the University of Munich under the title Queen of Apostles. It is befitting, therefore, that we say a few words on the Apostles of the Queen and the Queen of Apostles.

To be an apostle is, in the first place, to perform a mission. Christ not only chose from amongst his intimate friends the twelve apostles, but he sent, besides, seventy two disciples into the world. These latter deserve, therefore, in the broad sense of the word, the title of apostles also. The Supreme Pontiff, Pius XI, by calling to Catholic Action all the faithful not in sacred orders, summons them to collaborate in establishing the reign of Christ. Catholic Action, whose consecration is « Actiones nostra quaesumus, Domine », is an apostolic movement of the twentieth century.

We shall not be made great by striving after great ends unless already during the time of preparation we accept them as a vocation divinely given, that is, as a mission. But if we do do this, our entire day becomes sanctified, its alpha being the morning prayers with the renewal of a right intention, and its omega those of evening followed by a short examination of conscience; and we stamp, moreover, our years of university life with the definite character of later social activities, in as much as we formally refer them

to the latter. For the same reason, whoever moved by charity cooperates in the works of St. Vincent de Paul, and more still in such as are directly concerned with the salvation of souls, will develop not only his moral character, but likewise the faculties of his mind.

To be an apostle is, in the second place, to be as close as possible to Our Savior and King. St. Francis of Assisi was wont to call himself the Herald of the Great King. What I had heard of the students of the arts and sciences united in the so-called « Opera Ferrari » in Italy, Paris, and in Central America, and of their works amongst those in danger of moral perversion, especially in matters of Faith, I never fully understood until, on my last visit to Rome, I visited the Catholic University of Milan, the Alma Mater of Catholic Action, and there on the First Friday of the month beheld the students of both sexes hneeling on the stairs and in the halls while in the chapel of the University, consecrated to the Sacred Heart, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrement was taking place. Love of the Holy Eucharist is the secret of the souls inflamed with apostolic fire. Today you will offer your Holy Communion for the tireless apostle of our Munich collegiate youth, Father Kronseder, in order to commemorate the 25 anniversary of his sacerdotal life. About the chalice of Father Kronseder we shall not place a silver crown such as custom permits on so great a feast as that which we celebrate to-day, but congratulating him, we say: « Behold your crown and your joy, The students of the Sodality are your crown ».

To be an apostle is, in the third place, to unite one's labors with that of others. Two and two together the Lord sent His apostles into the world (Mark, 6, 7.), blessing by these words all those who for their mutual assistance unite their labors in a common cause. As a candle is lighted by a candle, so the holy fire of zeal must be transmitted from one man to another. The collegian who enters the Sodality is never without companions, never finds himself alone. In the circles and study sections he collaborates with others. Every year he performs the Spiritual exercises. And never does he willingly absent himself from the monthly General Communions. The first apostles went forth from the Supper Chamber, the new go from that of the Eucharistic banquet. The first apostles differed greatly in intellectual gifts and in character. There was the impulsive Peter, the doubting Thomas, the Sons of thunder, the blunt Nathanael, the business-minded Philip, greatly dissimilar every one of them, but all united in the self same association, and all of one mind through the charity of the Savior.

Every Sodalist enjoys the special protection of the Mother of God. In the keeping of His Mother, God has placed the treasures of his graces. A mother's hands are always ready to distribute favors. She will not be unmindful of us here below in the midst of dangers of every sort. At the feet of the Mother of God, we learn to reverence women for they are her sisters. Through devotion to her, our spiritual life is maintained strong and active, our intercourse with men becomes not a rigid formality, and our simple sincere faith does not vanish before the latest findings of science or the urgings of passion. Daily in prayer does the good Sodalist salute his Mother. There were those who wishd to introduce Mother's Day into Germany. For the Sodalist, every day is Mother's Day.

When the Apostles were preparing themselves to receive the Holy Spirit, they were gathered about Mary (Act., 1, 4). And when the Spirit of God descended upon them in the form of tongues of fire and they were baptized with the Holy Ghost, Mary was in their midst (Math., 3, 11). On that day she who was the Spouse of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity became Queen of Apostles. The Sodality is not a garden in which infants and immature men are conserved, but it is The Citadel of the Knights of the Holy Ghost and the Court of the Queen's Elect. By the Sacrament of Confirmation we became Knights of the Holy Ghost and Apostles of Catholic Action. In the Sodality, where, like the Apostles, we are gathered about Mary, that grace received at the hands of the bishop must be made to live anew.

In the ancient works of art, you must have observed how with great love and care

Mary has been placed between the princes of the Apostles, Peter and Paul. In the tomb of Peter are to be found the relics of Paul, and in that of Paul, those of Peter. Of these Apostles the Roman Breviary says: Neither in life nor death were they separated. Paul is the Secondary Patron of our Sodality. Therefore, if from the ardent soul of the Tarsian we learn apostolic fervor, we shall likewise be taught devotion and faithfulness to the Supreme Pontiff, Peter's successor in office. Mary is the Queen of these two Apostles, hence she should be to us a living synthesis of apostolic fire and fidelity towards the Church. Our Sodality, although it is Marian, or to be more exact, *because* it is Marian, is likewise Christocentric. Christ is our center towards which all the points of the circle tend in a straight line. All Christian perfection is included in the words: « Increase in grace and in the knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ » (2 Peter, 3, 18.). Let us, therefore, never desist from applying all the knowledge of our minds and all the strength of our wills to make Christ daily more and more the center of our lives.

The Star which guides me, the Rock on which I firmly stand, the Staff which supports my steps, the Bread which nourishes me, the Fountain which allays my thirst, the End which I desire to obtain all, Thou art, to me, O Lord.

« Intende, prospere procede et regna » (Ps. 44, 45.) were the words which in ectasy the Prophet addressed to the Savior King as from afar he beheld His triumph. Today the College Men's Sodality of the University of Munich receives its commission of Herald of the Great King ad of His Mother the Queen. To this Sodality I also say: « Intende, prospere procede ».

University of Munich Student Sodality

Our Sodality, under the name Senior Latin Sodality, was established in 1577 and, though at times strongly assailed, kept its corporate existence right up to our own days. In the year 1884, owing to the fact that most of the Sodalists had already left the University and had grown into manhood, a *new Sodality* (a division of the Senior Latin) was formed exclusively for the University students and joined to the Senior Latin by a sort of affiliation. This latter « Sodality » was blessed with many Sodalists and exercised a fruitful apostolate of piety and zeal.

In the course of time, however, unfavorable conditions proved too great an obstacle to the continuence of the « Sodality's » hitherto prosperous state, the most poverful factor being the changed civil outlook with its consequent influence on the impressionable minds of youth. And so it happened that what was once a stronghold of Marian activity gradually came to represent scarcely more than a name.

At this stage of the proceedings, that is two years ago, things took a decided change for the better — Father Kronseder S. J. was put in charge of the University students. The new chaplain, after a careful analysis of the Marian situation, was fully convinced that the traditional, but now obsolete, manner of carrying on the Sodality organization should be abandoned. Without further ado, therefore, he immediately set to work to put « new wine into new bottles ». He initiated the more general reform by establishing small study sections in which parts of the New Testament as well as ascetical, religious and philosophical questions were investigated and explained. Thus little by little a small but select body of students were gathered together. A year ago, the associates of one of these sections appled themselves to the Spiritual Exercises with the practical result that they determined to inaugurate the custom of opening their regular gatherings with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and to carry out the Sodality practice of general Communions.

Six months later, the membrers of the other sections and of the St. Vincent de Paul Society manifested a desire of binding themselves more closely together after the manner of a Sodality. The Sodality idea and its history were then thoroughly examined, and, after due consideration had been giving to the findings, it was the consensus of opinion that the Marian Congregation as regards both its purpose and adaptability to present needs was in every way ideal, notwithstanding the fact that the constitutions of not a few other pius organizations were found to be unsuitable to the ways and mentality of our actual collegiate life.

We lost no time in drawing up such sta-

tutes as were suitable to our local requirements, endeavoring as far as possible to adapt the entire Sodality concept to the conditions, necessities and mental outlook of university students. In cases of doubt we had recourse to the Secretariate at Rome and to Superiors.

His Emminence Cardinal Michael de Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, was highly pleased to hear of the restoration of the Sodality. He himself sugessted the title « Queen of Apostles » and assumed « most willingly and fervently » the office of protector. He did more. After the Sodality had been canonically erected and, on the 3rd of April, 1929, aggregated to the Prima Primaria, he invited the the first thirty two candidates to his own episcopal residence in order to receive them personally and with solemn rite into the Sodality during the functions of a Pontifical Mass. Immediately ofter the reading of the Gospel, His Eminence spoke on the « Queen of Apostles and Apostles of the Queen ».
After Mass and thanksgiving the Cardinal presided at the Sodality breakfast which was served in his own apartments and at his own expense.

Seeing that the words of the Cardinal were nothing more nor less than a faithful interpretation of our own adapted Sodality rules, we shall take this opportunity to acquaint our readers with the principal points of the same as they appear in a printed summary, which is customarily presented to all new aspirants to the Sodality.

Excerpts from our local Sodality statutes

1. What is the Sodality and what is its aim?

We are an ecclesiastical Association of actual Catholic University students united under the special patronage of the Mother of God, and holding before us as an end the acquiring of an intimate knowledge of our divine King and Lord Iesus Christ for the avowed purpose of applying that knowledge to the promotion of our own personal sanctification and that of our neighbor.

Having a particular regard for the conditions existing among university students and in collaboration with other associations of Catholic students, we strive to carry on our work in harmony with the designs of the great Catholic Action.

By fostering a closer union with God, we endeavor to make ourselves in every sense of the word Catholics: Men of generous and noble souls. For we believe that following such a line of conduct it cannot but happen that external works will be the natural result even though only a few special religious obligations are imposed by rule.

2. How and by what means do we carry out the intent of our institute?

Even from the study of purely natural and philosophical subjects we seek to increase our fund of religious knowledge.

We endeavor to live by faith and to sanctify ourselves.

Each individual member strives to practice a Catholic action thit is apostolic, social and grounded in charity, realizing that the best apostolate is after all, that of good example.

An unfeigned devotion towards the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Christ and Queen of Apostles, we consider to be a grace of incomparable value, to the acquisition of which we apply ourselves with all humility.

All Catholic students of the University who are willingts accept our statutes and to put them into practice are eligible to membershis in our Sodality.

As a rule, no one is admitted into the Sodality before he has assisted at three Sodality meetings. One coming from another Sodality shall, after a short probation — its length depending upon the judgement of the Director — be admitted amongst the Sodalists.

Twice a year a solemn reception of new Sodalists is held. During the Mass of reception, at which all Sodalists are to be present, the Moderator is accustomned to recall to our minds that the important step about to be taken is one for life. After the « Domine non sum digus », the formula of consecration is sum dignus », the formula of consecration is recited by those to be received. They then partake of the Most Sacred Body of Our Lord.

Our formula of consecration is the following:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, I chose Thee this day, in the presence of the Most Blessed Trinity, as my Lady, Advocate and Mother. And it is my deliberate will, during my whole life, to honor Thee in a very special way in the Sodality.

Therefore I am Thine, O good Mother, and so trusting in Thy most powerful help, I place myself entirely into Thy hands — for Thou art the Mediatrix of all grace — and I promise from now on to labor according to the intention of Catholic Action in order that I may know better, and love more and more Thy Son, my Lord, so that imitating Him daily, I may increase my own spiritual life. I also promise to cling to the Church, His Spouse, with filial veneration and love, and to assist my neighbor as much as I can by the exercise of apostolic charity.

And Thou, O Divine King and Lord Jesus Christ, graciously receive from the hands of Thy Mother this promise of my determined fidelity, and grant me through this Most Holy Sacrifice and Communion abundant grace to fulfil it. Amen.

(M. de G.).

Men's Sodality Congress, Altötting

In the little town of Altotting, Bavaria, the most celebrated Marian shrine of Catholic Germany, there was held on the 17 and 18 of August last a Men's Sodality Congress.

The delegates present numbered around a thousand, most of them coming from Munich, about ninety-five miles away, though there were not wanting representatives from still farther parts of Germany as well as from Austria.

At three o'clock on the afternoon of the 17th, the Congress was formally opened with a Conference for Sodality officers in the Sodality Hall of Altötting. After the Diocesan Director of the Munich Sodalities had given the introductory address of welcome, the Prefect of the Men's Sodality of the same city read a most convincing paper on the apostolic possibilities of house to house visiting by Sodalists. He illustrated his statements with many interesting and provocative personal experiences. He was succeeded by a Jesuit Director, who developed the same subject from the small town view-point. Following a brief, but pointed resume by the Diocesan Director of what had been said, the meeting was adjurned.

Early in the evening, at half past five, to be precise, the Director (a Capuchin) of the Altötting Men's Sodality, a widely recognized authority on Marian affairs, to the instruction of all and the embarrassment of his own Sodalists (who meekly, bowed their heads to the public rebuke) spoke out his mind on the various abuses which had crept into his organization and with equal energy suggested remedies for their removal. He particularly stressed the importance of the apostolate and care in the selection of members. His talk was very well received.

The speaking part of the day's program came to a close with a sermon in the Basilica on « The Mother of God and the struggle for the preservation of the Faith in our days ».

We were all more than ordinarily expectant as the shades of evening grew deeper, for we had been promised one of the justly far-famed Altötting candlelight processions with an open air Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at nine o'clock. But we were to be disappointed. The rather innocent looking clouds which had been hovering about throughout the afternoon gradually began to take on a threating aspect. Occasional drops of rain had begun to fall as the time set for the Marian manifestation drew near. Violent gusts of wind, flashes of lightning with their accompanying peels of thunder and more frequent and larger rain-drops succeeded while the procession was getting under way. And when the Sodalists were actually marching a violent storm burst upon us in all its fury, extinguishing the candles and forcing those in line to finish their devotions indoors. It was really too bad that things had turned out so unfortunately, for not only were the candles of the marchers provided with variously colored shades, but the windows of the buildings encircling the square around which the procession was to wind were a veritable constellation of twinkling green and blue and red votive lamps.

On Sunday at seven o'clock, the Sodalists assembled for a general Communion in the Basilica. At nine fifteen there was a sermon on « The Mother of God and the moral needs of our times ». A Solemn Pontifical Mass followed. In the afternoon at one o'clock another sermon was preached in the Basilica. The subject treated was: « The Mother of God and the religious life of the Sodality ». We assembled once more at three for an open-air meeting on the ample grounds of the Franciscan Sisters orphanage. The orator of the occasion was a certain Doctor K. von Schuschnigg, an old Jesuit boy of Feldkirch, and at present a well known lawyer of Innsbruck. The Doctor proved to be a very eloquent speaker. The main lines of his discourse centered around his initial statement that a real Sodalist was a hundred percent Catholic. Social and catechetical activities were stressed. « Youth is no wrose to-day than formerly », he shouted in one of his ringing outbursts, « but their need of assistance is greater ». It was on the whole a splended talk and at its conclusion roundly applauded. We were next entertained for five minutes or so by a very creditable Boys' Band. A formal declaration of loyality to the Holy Father and to his program of Catholic Action on the part of the Sodalists present was then voiced by the Diocesan Director in the name of all. Following a colorful native dance, executed with admirable precision and gracefulnes by, I presume, the Sodality youngsters of Altötting, the Congress, at least as far as the Sodalists were concerned came to an end.

The day following was devoted to the discussion of matters of special interest to Directors of Sodalities. There was a talk in the morning on « The Sodality and present-day soul guidance ». And in the afternoon Father Aloysius Gatterer S. J., Director of a priests Sodality in Innsbruck, gained the universal approbation of the fifty clerical members present by a most convincing address on the importance of Sodalities of Our Lady for Priests. The heart of his thesis was that the Sodality for priests purposes to do for the secular clargy what the religious life does

for those in religion. « We must bind ourselves together », he told us, « under the protection of the Mother of God for our mutual benefit and that of souls ». « It is my belief », he declared in another place, « that one cannot be a good Director without being a good Sodalist ». As I stated above, this conference was received with unrestricted approval. After it was over, discussions from the house were in order, and not a few of the Reverend Clergy present availed themselves of the opportunity by developing the statements of the main speaker in the light of their own convictions and experiences.

Thus closed this Congress at Altötting of Men's Sodalities of Our Lady. Instructive it was without a doubt, and likewise productive of much fruit. But wanting, with the exception of the Directors' Meeting, that which many of those present felt should have been provided for namely, sectional meetings and open-house discussions. C. E. B.

A Practical Commemoration

The Sodality of the College of Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass, U. S. A., celebrates its 85th birthday December 8th, 1929, and our main method of commemoration has been a very active year in preparation. Early in September when school had resumed, we approached every student in the resident section to ascertain his interest in Sodality work and his intention of faithful attendance at the weekly meetings. Everyone but one or two showed enthusiasm, and the weekly meetings ranged in attendance from 400 to 630, altogether 23 meetings with a total attendance of 11,000.

The importance of Sodality aims and spirit was advanced by a special series of monthly sodality talks to the entire resident body, hly sodality talks to the entire resident body, which is practically 100 % in the Sodality, by distinguished Jesuits of the East.

Sodalist Committes were appointed for various activities of the Sodality work, and anything good and commendable along spiritual lines was urged upon the Sodalists as practices for life. Our sections and sectional work follow:

Eucharistic. — Mass serving in cassock and surplice was featured, and emphasis laid on the Guard of Honor for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Exposition all day First Friday. Frequent Commnion was insisted upon, and in the school year, 53,000 Communions were received, averaging close to 400 daily.

Missions. — The interest of the students in the missions and in the C. S. M. C. (Students' Mission Crusade) is one of the outstanding characteristics of Sodality life at Holy Cross. This interest is manifested by contributions of financial aid, 10 cents weekly from each student, by collecting Catholic papers, clothes, post cards, holy pictures, medals, rosaries, stamps, tin foil, books and odds and ends of some utility and service to be sent missionward. In the year 1928, from January 1st to December 31st, 5,380.00 dollars was distributed to home and foreign missions, the latter including missions in Europe, Asia and Africa.

During the school year just closed, from September 1928 to June 1929, from students, graduates and friends 7,333.00 dollars was collected and distributed which aggregates for 4 1/2 years of active mission interest, the grand total of 20,333.00 dollars. This Mission Crusade originated here in March 1925, and for the last three years has been active as a feature of Sodality work. in this period of teresting to know that our two Mission fields, Jamaica and Philippine Islands, have shared 4 1/2 years of Mission enthusiasm, it is ingenerously in our contributions. Jamaica has received 6,955.44 dollars; Philippine Islands 3,398.47 dollars, and various other missions scattered all over the world have receveid 9,979.79 dollars. The great works of the past year through the Sodality Mission interest have been three donations which will be very productive of good. Two Sisters in a Convent in Jamaica amid the mountains had a mission, and heard Mass four times a month. They were anxious for more opportunities, and wrote the Mission Crusade of their earnest desire. The matter was placed before the Sodality and special contributions were requested, with the result that in communication with the Sisters it was found possible to obtain taxi-hire from their Convent to the Mother house 9 miles away, each day for a year for 300.00 dollars. The Sodality forthwith sent the money, and each day the Sisters leave for the Motherhouse at 5.30 A.M, hear Mass and receive Communion, and are back at their mountain mission at 7.30 A.M. for the day's work.

Three girls were equipped and given dowry transportation to enter the religions life. Education of three boys was assured by another donation.

In addition to financial aid rendered, over 25.000 pieces of useful articles were sent to the missions. This includes clothing, Ca-

tholic papers, holy cards, rosaries, medals, church goods, books etc.

Publicity. — Large bulletin boards constantly advertise mission and sodality activities. On this way, letters of appeal for mission help, pictures, letters of thanks, mission statistics are brought periodically to the attention of the sodality to elicit and stimulate interest.

Catholic Literature. — This feature of Catholic action is continually put before the students with the hope that they may learn to value these instruments of Catholic teaching and doctrine. This year Sodality funds provided 900 copies of the monthly « Queen's Work » and 300 copies of « Jesuit Mission ». To acquaint our own people with these Jesuit-published organs of thought, the Sodality paid for 100 subcriptions to Queen's Work and 100 copies of « Jesuit Missions » to be sent to our scholastics at Weston, Mass, and had sent 50 Copies of « Jesuit Missions » to Ours at Woodstock, Md. monthly. Every week 1200 copies of « America » are received and distributed throngh our Postoffice equipment to the student body, religions and lay Faculty. « America » is a charge at students' rates on the bill. In all, during the school year 61,000 copies of solid Catholic thought are placed before he students to emphasize Catholic action and support of the Catholic Press. No Catholic paper is destroyed, and we are constantly clamoring for old copies to be sent to the Missions. Students are urged to bring them to the Office, and a committee is appointed to gather in Catholic literature on the corridors during and at the end of the year. Over 20,000 pieces are sent yearly to missions in the Philippines, India, Porto Rico, Alaska and Australia.

To further Catholic reading, a book rack functions under control of the Sodality, and is kept alive by seasonal and apt pamphlets on doctrinal and religious matters.

Charity. — Once a week a committee of three Sodalists visits the hospital to console and cheer the sick, and their special object is to see students, alumni and priests who may be convalescing there.

The year was most successful from a Sodality stand point. In August 1928 representatives were sent to the Students Spiritual Leadership Convention, held at St Louis University. During the course of the three day conference the delegates spoke frequently of the achievements of the Sodality at Holy Cross, especially its work for the Missions which can be emulated with considerable success by other schools. May, the month of Our Lady, brought to a close the work of the Sodality. May talks, given by Senior members, were founded on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Solemn Reception of new members was held in Memorial Chapel on May 12th, and 275 were received.

(J. D. W.).

In Memoriam

Father Louis Lacombe

The cause of Our Lady in India has recently suffered a severe shock by the unexpected death of Father Louis Lacombe, for many years an outstanding Director and promoter of Marian activities in India.

Father Lacombe was born in 1866 at Le Puy, Central France. When twenty years of age, he entered the Society of Jesus. Two years later he was sent to India where he dedicated himself whole heartedly to the Indian Mission (now the Vice-Province) of Madura. A dedication, we may truthfully say, that ended only with his life.

In 1901, he was appointed Director of the Sodalities both of St. Joseph's College and of the Holy Redeemer parish church, Trichinopoli.

Ever an indefatigable laborer, Father Lacombe devoted himself especially to the conversion of the Brahmans and to the promotion of Sodalities of Our Lady. Due to his persistent efforts, the « *Morning Star* », a Sodality organ which he established in India, rose from the modest subscription of some 300 at its inception in 1908, to the present substantial number of 3000 subscribers. Another of his creation, and one that has been equally blessed, is the well known I.C.T.S. or *Indian Catholic Truth Society.*

On June 19, after a brief illness, fortified with all the consolations of the Church, this valiant champion of Mary passed peacefully to his reward. His body, as was fitting in the case of one so faithful in the service of God's Mother, was laid to rest in expection of the Day of Resurrection at the feet of Our Lady of Lourdes near her grotto at the entrance of the College Church. R.I.P.

APOSTOLIC EFFORTS
IN A YOUNG WOMEN'S SODALITY

Each of the members of a young woman's Sodality was asked to send in to the Director an unsigned statement of what she had done and was doing for others. Some of the statements were as follows:

" I taught some little children the Sign of the Cross. "

" By prayer and exhortation, I contributed to the return of an apostate woman to the Church and the baptism of her children. "

" By saying my morning and evening prayers on my knees, I induced my sister to follow my example. "

" My father very seldom goes to Mass and never receives Holy Communion, but I will pray and offer sacrifices and Holy Communions for him. "

" My father was given to drink for twenty years; I prayed for him all that time, and for some years past he has been a total abstainer, and in gratitude I too have promised total abstinence. "

Other members restrain the flighty and changeable from leaving the Sodality, bring in new candidates and members of other Sodalities who have come to live in the city.

" I induced a girl who worked with me to observe the law of abstinence. "

" I managed so that none of the men or women where, I work, would utter an indecent word in my presence.

" I wake a certain girl every Sunday morning, and take her to Mass with me. Otherwise she would never hear it. "

" Many of the girls would have gladly gone to Holy Communion but they dreaded the sneers and ridicule which were sure to follow. Notwithstanding these difficulties, I began to receive every day; in a short time others joined me, and our numbers increasing daily, the ridicule ceased.

" I got two men to go to Mass regularly, and induced three girls to break off evil companionships. "

" I take care of the children of poor people, and especially those of atheist parents. As I am poor, I cannot give them much monetary help. But at least I give them good leaflets to read, and in my leisure time, I go out walking with them, and we make a brief visit to the Blessed Sacrament together. "

" I take care of a poor sick woman. "

" I visit the hospital. "

" I collect cancelled postage stamps for the missions and even non-Catholics gladly give them to me. "

" When I find it hard to make a sacrifice, I think to myself: perhaps at this very moment some missionary is engaged on a great work or is forced to make a hard trip for his neophytes; then I offer my sacrifice to God that He may strengthen and bless the missionary."

" In a school, where the novels of a certain author, where constantly being devoured, I was instrumental in having the books banned by the school authorities, and as a consequence the girls began to hate me."

" All my prayers and sufferings on Sundays, I offer for priests."

(" *Mariengarten,* " Wien, 1927, p. 269).

COMMUNICATIONS

Active Sodalities

To the Editor:

This year at Rockhurst, I have charge of five Sodalities, one in each of the four years of High School, and the College Sodality. These five will comprise about five hundred boys all told. We are trying to do what we can to put life into the Sodalities by developing the different sections. We have the Eucharistic Section, the Committee of Our Blessed Mother, the Mission Section, and last, but not least, the Catechetical Section. Last year thirty Sodalists traveled forth every Sunday to six different centers to teach catechism. This year we hope to add some more centers. J. F. H.

Sodality Report

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a report of our Sodality work here that I sent our Provincial. You may use what you desire. I think you will find much that will help you with your paper.

J. F. H.

(*The report referred to above may be found in this issue of Acies under the title « A Pratical Commemoration ». - The Editor*).

ENCOURAGEMENT

To the Editor:

The « Acies » is invaluable.

Th. F. R.

I have been wanting to write you for ever so long a period to congratulate you on the fine work you are doing with the « Acies Ordinata ». We look forward now to the receipt of our international Sodality organ, and always find many things that help us to carry on. Keep on giving us practical news of just what they are doing in the different Sodalities.

J. D. W.

We have in our library only the following numbers of your esteemed and valuable « Acies Ordinata »... I would like very much to complete the set and have it bound, as it contains useful directions and ascetical reading.

R. T.

NEW BOOKS

The Queen's Work Publications

My Friend the Pastor —

As the title indicates, a treatise upon those more intimate relationships that should exist between the Catholic pastor and his flock.

The Pure of Heart —

A most delicate subject treated with supreme delicacy.

These Terrible Jesuits —

The Society through the eyes of a grateful and loyal son.

Christ and Women —

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